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SUBJECT: PAZ ZAMORA'S 1992 STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS:
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1. (LOU) SUMMARY: PRESIDENT JAIME PAZ ZAMORA'S STATE OF THE NATION MESSAGE, DELIVERED TO THE JOINT INAUGURAL SESSION OF THE 1992-1993 CONGRESS, MOSTLY CONCENTRATED ON ECONOMIC PROGRESS MADE IN THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF PAZ ZAMORA'S ADMINISTRATION (SEPTTEL). PAZ ALSO TOUCHED ON ISSUES SUCH AS BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES (WHICH HE SAID COULD BE IMPROVED), DOMESTIC POLITICAL REFORMS, INTERNAL SECURITY, AND ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT. PAZ ZAMORA'S UNDERLYING (ROSE-COLORED) THEME WAS THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION HAD TRANSFORMED BOLIVIA INTO A SECURE, MATURE, AND DYNAMIC NATION. THE OPPOSITION, MANY OF WHOM BOYCOTTED THE SESSION, DISAGREED AND LABELED PAZ ZAMORA OUT OF TOUCH. B5

END SUMMARY.

INAUGURATION OF THE 92-93 CONGRESS

2. (U) AS MANDATED BY THE BOLIVIAN CONSTITUTION, PRESIDENT PAZ ZAMORA READ HIS STATE OF THE NATION MESSAGE AT THE FIRST ORDINARY SESSION OF THE 1992-93 CONGRESS. CONTRARY TO HIS USUAL PRACTICE OF IMPROVISING HIS SPEECHES, PAZ ZAMORA READ THE 25 PAGE DOCUMENT ENTITLED "THREE YEARS OF PEACE, STABILITY AND PROGRESS" BEFORE AN AUDIENCE OF HIS CABINET AND CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GOVERNING MIR/ADN PARTIES (THE MNR OPPOSITION WAS NOTORIOUSLY ABSENT WITH ONLY NINE OF 47 CONGRESSMEN PRESENT). ALSO SHARING THE PRESIDENTIAL BOOTH WERE GENERAL HUGO BANZER, ADN LEADER AND GOB PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE; OSCAR EID, MIR PARTY CHIEF; AND MAX FERNANDEZ, HEAD OF THE POPULIST UCS PARTY.

BILATERAL RELATIONS: COMPLEX, BUT BENEFICIAL

3. (U) THE NEARLY TWO HOUR-LONG, SEVEN PART ADDRESS TOUCHED ON:

- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT;
 - THE 1992 NATIONAL CENSUS;
 - SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT;
 - MODERNIZATION OF THE STATE (LEGISLATIVE AGENDA);
 - LAW AND ORDER (INCLUDING COUNTERNARCOTICS EFFORTS); AND
 - BOLIVIA'S INTERNATIONAL ROLE.
- THE LAST TOPIC WAS FURTHER DIVIDED INTO:

- GENERAL COMMENTS ON MAKING BOLIVIA AN ACTIVE

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INTERNATIONAL PLAYER, THE EAI, AND SEA ACCESS RIGHTS VIA THE RIVER PLATE/PARANA-PARAGUAY;

- USG-GOB RELATIONS (SEE BELOW);
- OTHER BILATERAL RELATIONS (EMPHASIZING "EXCELLENT" RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA, PERU, BRAZIL, PARAGUAY, AND THE EC (PARTICULARLY SPAIN), AND ALSO WITH JAPAN AND CHINA (WHICH PAZ VISITED IN 1991-92).
- THE AGREEMENT WITH PERU ON ACCESS TO THE SEA VIA ILO;
- ENERGY COOPERATION (INCLUDING NATURAL GAS) WITH ARGENTINA, BRAZIL AND CHILE; AND
- EXTERNAL DEBT (PAZ CITED THE PARIS CONSULTATIVE GROUP'S SUPPORT FOR BOLIVIAN POLICIES).

4. (U) OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, PAZ ZAMORA SAID THAT "THEY HAVE STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE AND COINCIDE ON PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES, AMONG THEM DEMOCRACY, AN OPEN ECONOMY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS." PAZ SAID THAT "BOLIVIANS MUST UNDERSTAND THAT TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES, IN SPITE OF THEIR COMPLEXITY, BRING BENEFITS TO THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT AND LINKS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM." HOWEVER, HE MENTIONED THAT "RECENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN SOME DIFFICULTIES IN MILITARY COOPERATION, CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMS, AND SOME ASPECTS OF THE COUNTERNARCOTICS EFFORTS, IN PARTICULAR THOSE RELATED TO THE ROLE OF THE DEA IN BOLIVIA." HE FURTHER NOTED, "I

SHARE THE SENTIMENT EXPRESSED BY THE PEOPLE TO REORGANIZE OUR RELATIONS, PAYING ATTENTION TO RESPECT FOR NATIONAL DIGNITY AND SOVEREIGNTY." HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT "SPECIFIC MECHANISMS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO OBTAIN BETTER COORDINATION AND OVERCOME THESE

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DIFFICULTIES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF MUTUAL RESPECT."
(COMMENT: THE ONLY MENTION OF "DIFFICULTIES" WAS IN THE USG-GOB SECTION; PAZ DESCRIBED RELATIONS WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES LISTED IN GLOWING TERMS.)

DOMESTIC POLITICS: A NEW CYCLE OF POLITICAL REFORMS

5. (U) PAZ ZAMORA REFERRED TO THE AGREEMENT REACHED BY EIGHT POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS (MIR, ADN, MNR, FRI, MBL, UCS, CONDEPA, AND PDC) ON JULY 9 AS A MAJOR REFORM "BECAUSE IT CLOSFS THE OLD CYCLE OF CONFRONTATION AND OPENS A NEW ONE OF DIALOGUE AND UNDERSTANDING AS FUNDAMENTAL PRACTICES OF OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM." (COMMENT: WITH ONLY THREE MAJOR

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PARTY LEADERS IN THE AUDIENCE, THE NEW "DIALOGUE" SEEMED FAR FROM EFFECTIVE.) AFTER LISTING THE 1992-93 AGENDA OF POLITICAL REFORMS, INCLUDING A BILL FOR THE "INDUSTRIALIZATION" OF THE COCA LEAF, PAZ ZAMORA NOTED THAT "REFORM GOES HAND IN HAND WITH CONSENSUS" AND ADDED THAT THE "TRADITIONAL MAJORITIES WITHOUT CONSENSUS ARE INSUFFICIENT." (COMMENT: THE REMARK WAS CLEARLY INTENDED AS ANOTHER SIGN OF GOB RECOGNITION OF THE POPULISTS, IN PARTICULAR THE UCS LEADER PRESENT DURING THE SPEECH).

INTERNAL SECURITY: TERRORISM UNDER CONTROL

6. (U) PAZ NOTED THAT THROUGH DIALOGUE, THE GOB HAD AVOIDED ANY EXTRAORDINARY SECURITY MEASURES, SUCH AS A STATE OF SIEGE, FOR THREE YEARS. HE STATED THAT THOSE "ISOLATED CASES OF TERRORISM ARE NOW UNDER CONTROL" AND THAT FOUR MAXIMUM SECURITY FACILITIES WOULD BE COMPLETED IN LA PAZ, SANTA CRUZ, COCHABAMBA AND TRINIDAD.

ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT: FUNDAMENTAL CN POLICY

7. (U) THE LAST NATIONAL POLICY ITEM IN PAZ ZAMORA'S MESSAGE DEALT WITH ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS. HE NOTED THAT "ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT IS A FUNDAMENTAL PART OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS SINCE THE MEETINGS IN CARTAGENA AND SAN ANTONIO, WHERE BOLIVIA PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE." AS PROOF OF ITS SUCCESS, HE CITED THE 1992 CENSUS RESULTS THAT POINTED TO A MORE SIGNIFICANT MIGRATION MOVEMENT TOWARD SANTA CRUZ THAN TO THE COCA PRODUCING AREAS IN THE CHAPARE. HE EXPLAINED THAT SOY AND GRAIN PRODUCTION IN SANTA CRUZ WERE THE REASON FOR THIS MIGRATION. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE GOB WOULD NOT MOVE THE CAMPESINOS ALREADY IN THE CHAPARE "BECAUSE ONLY 15% BELIEVE THEIR CHILDREN SHOULD BE COCA LEAF PRODUCERS WHILE 60% SAID THEY WANT A DIFFERENT FUTURE FOR THEM." HE CONCLUDED THAT THE CAMPESINOS THEMSELVES WANTED AND PRACTICED ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT. HE NOTED FINALLY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD ERADICATED OVER 40% OF THE TOTAL SURFACE OF EXCESS COCA PRODUCTION. (COMMENT: THIS IS THE STANDARD GOB ARGUMENT ABOUT GROSS ERADICATION. NET ERADICATION, WHICH HAPPENED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1991, HAS LAGGED FAR BEHIND.)

8. (U) AS FOR JUDICIAL MEASURES, PAZ SAID THAT THE

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REPENTANCE DECREE WAS A LEGAL AND PEACEFUL MEASURE TO
AVOID THE VIOLENCE THAT EXISTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES.
WITH REFERENCE TO INTERDICTION, HE SAID THAT
OPERATION GHOST ZONE ("LARGO ALIENTO") WAS AN EXAMPLE
OF ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS WITHOUT VIOLENCE.

OPPOSITION SAYS PAZ OUT OF TOUCH

9. (U) MOST OF THE CRITICISM OF PAZ ZAMORA'S REMARKS
CENTERED ON HIS EXAGGERATED DESCRIPTIONS OF BOLIVIA'S
ECONOMIC PROGRESS. THE POLEMICS DIED QUICKLY,
HOWEVER, SUGGESTING THAT HIS AUGUST 6 REMARKS WERE
JUST ANOTHER STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS CONTAINING
FEW NEW OR NOTABLE INITIATIVES. (THE PRESIDENT'S
AUGUST 7 ARMED FORC
ES DAY SPEECH, WHICH CRITICIZED
THE USG FOR INADEQUATE COORDINATION ON CIVIC ACTION

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DEPLOYMENTS, RECEIVED MORE MEDIA COVERAGE.)
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10. (LOU) COMMENT: THE SPEECH WAS PAZ ZAMORA'S ROSE-
COLORED VIEW OF HISTORY, WHICH STARTED IN HIS
ADMINISTRATION (THERE WAS NO MENTION, GOOD OR BAD, OF
PAST GOVERNMENTS) AND WHICH LOOKED TO THE FUTURE. |

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